

## A Touch of Whimsy Socks Version Two



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### Stats

**Finished size:** Women's Size 8-9

**Yarn:** 100 gr./ 500 yds. sock yarn (2 skeins KnitPicks Dancing)

**Needles:** US size 1 (2.5mm) set of 5 dpns (or sockknitting method of choice). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain gauge.

**Gauge:** 8 sts per inch; 12 rows per inch in Stockinette Stitch

**Notions:** darning needle, stitch holder, stitch markers

Loosely cast on 66 sts.

Stitch placement on needles:

*Needle 1 (heel; sole of sock): 17 sts; Needle 2 (instep): 17 sts;*

*Needle 3 (instep): 16 sts; Needle 4 (heel; sole of sock): 16 sts.*

This stitch placement allows for 3 pattern repeats, one repeat will be centered on the front of the leg.

### Cuff:

**Rounds 1-20:** \*k1, p1; repeat from \*

### Leg:

Repeat "A Touch of Whimsy" leg pattern 7 times for a leg length of approx. 6-7 inches (including cuff) or desired length.

### A Touch of Whimsy Pattern for leg

**Row 1 and all odd rows:** \*k20, p2; repeat from \*

**Row 2:** \*k5, k2tog, yo, k1, cb4, k1, yo, ssk, k5, p2; repeat from \*

**Row 4:** \*k3, k2tog x2, yo, k1, yo, k4, yo, k1, yo, ssk x2, k3, p2; repeat from \*

**Row 6:** \*k2, k2tog x2, yo, k1, yo, k6, yo, k1, yo, ssk x2, k2, p2; repeat from \*

**Row 8:** \*k1, k2tog x2, yo, k1, yo, k2, cf4, k2, yo, k1, yo, ssk x2, k1, p2; repeat from \*

**Row 10:** \*k2tog x2, yo, k1, yo, k10, yo, k1, yo, ssk x2, p2; repeat from \*

**Row 12:** \*k2tog, k2, yo, k12, yo, k2, ssk, p2; repeat from \*



**Shape Heel:**

**Row 1:** slip 1, p17, p2tog, p1, turn  
 Row 2: slip 1, k5, skp, k1, turn  
 Row 3: slip 1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn  
 Row 4: slip 1, k7, skp, k1, turn  
 Row 5: slip 1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn

*Continue in this fashion, increasing by 1 the number of sts worked before the decrease in each row, until you have 18 sts, finishing with a right side row, ready to pick up gusset sts.*

**Instep:**

With RS facing and needle 1, pick up and knit 16 sts along first side of heel flap; then pick up another 2 sts @ the end of the gusset (this is to prevent a hole).

With needles 2 & 3 knit pattern across instep. With needle 4 pick up 2 extra sts @ the beginning of the gusset, then pick up and knit 16 sts along gusset, then knit across 9 sts along the heel flap (this is needle #4).

Sts on needles are as follows:

**Needle #1:** 27 sts  
**Needle #2:** 16 sts \* pattern on the instep sts  
**Needle #3:** 16 sts \* pattern on the instep sts  
**Needle #4:** 27 sts

Before beginning gusset decreasing knit one round (continue pattern on instep), k tbl of the 18 picked up sts on needles #1 and #4, this will tighten these sts.

**Gusset Decreases:**

**Round 1:** *Needle 1:* knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1  
*Needles 2 & 3:* \*\* *A Touch of Whimsy Instep* stitch pattern  
*Needle 4:* k1, ssk, knit remaining sts

**Round 2:** *Needles 1 & 4:* knit all sts  
*Needles 2 & 3:* continue in *A Touch of Whimsy Instep* stitch pattern  
 Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 16 sts on needles 1 & 4. You now have a total of 64 sts again.

**Foot of sock:**

Continue to knit in rounds; *needles 1 & 4: knit; needles 2 & 3: A Touch of Whimsy Instep* pattern until sock measures 8 ½ inches or 1 ½ inches shorter than desired length of sock.

**Toe Shaping:** *The toe shaping count begins on the instep with Needle 2*

<b>Round 1:</b> <i>Needles 2 &amp; 3 (instep)</i> - k4, p2, k5, k2tog, k6, ssk, k5, p2, k4	
<i>Needles 4 &amp; 1 (sole of sock)</i> - k1, ssk, k26, k2tog, k1	<u>60 sts (stitch total)</u>
<b>Round 2:</b> <i>Needles 2 &amp; 3 (instep)</i> - k4, p2, k7, cf4, k7, p2, k4 (if the last cable on the foot was a cf4, then use cb4 here & change the following cables accordingly – should you choose not to cable the toe decreases, simply knit these sts.)	
<i>Needles 4 &amp; 1 (sole of sock)</i> - k30	
<b>Round 3:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k4, p2, k3, k2tog x 2, k4, ssk x 2, k3, p2, k4	
<i>Sole of Sock</i> – k1, ssk, k24, k2tog, k1	<u>54 sts</u>
<b>Round 4:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k4, p2, k14, p2, k4	
<i>Sole of Sock</i> – k1, ssk, k22, k2tog, k1	<u>52 sts</u>
<b>Round 5:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k4, p2, k2, k2tog x 2, k2, ssk x 2, k2, p2, k4	
<i>Sole</i> – k1, ssk, k20, k2tog, k1	<u>46 sts</u>
<b>Round 6:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k4, p2, k10, p2, k4	
<i>Sole</i> – k1, ssk, k18, k2tog, k1	<u>44 sts</u>
<b>Round 7:</b> <i>Instep</i> - k4, p2, k1, k2tog x 2, ssk x 2, k1, p2, k4	
<i>Sole</i> – k1, ssk, k16, k2tog, k1	<u>38 sts</u>
<b>Round 8:</b> <i>Instep</i> - k4, p2, k1, cb4 (see above cable directions), k1, p2, k4	
<i>Sole</i> - k1, ssk, k14, k2tog, k1	<u>36 sts</u>
<b>Round 9:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k4, p2, k6, p2, k4	
<i>Sole</i> – k18	<u>36 sts</u>
<b>Round 10:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k4, p2, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, p2, k4	
<i>Sole</i> – k1, ssk, k12, k2tog, k1	<u>32 sts</u>

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<b>Round 11:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k4, p2, k4, p2, k4 <i>Sole</i> – k16	<u>32 sts</u>
<b>Round 12:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k1, k2tog, k1, p2, k4, p2, k1, ssk, k1 <i>Sole</i> – k1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1	<u>28 sts</u>
<b>Round 13:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k3, p2, k4, p2, k3 <i>Sole</i> – k14	<u>28 sts</u>
<b>Round 14:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k1, k2tog, p2, k4, p2, ssk, k1 <i>Sole</i> – k1, ssk, k8, k2tog, k1	<u>24 sts</u>
<b>Round 15:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k2, p2, cf4 (see above cable directions), p2, k2 <i>Sole</i> – k12	<u>24 sts</u>
<b>Round 16:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k2tog, p2, k4, p2, ssk <i>Sole</i> – k1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1	<u>20 sts</u>
<b>Round 17:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k1, p2, k4, p2, k1 <i>Sole</i> – k10	<u>20 sts</u>
<b>Round 18:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k1, p2tog, k4, p2tog, k1 <i>Sole</i> – k1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1	<u>16 sts</u>
<b>Round 19:</b> <i>Instep</i> – k1, p1, k4, p1, k1 <i>Sole</i> – k8	<u>16 sts</u>

Place 8 sts on 2 needles (1 needle on the top or instep side of the sock and 1 needle on the sole side of the sock) and graft toe together using **Kitchener st.**

### Stitch Key:

**K** – knit

**P** – purl

**ssk** – *slip, slip, knit*: slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip next stitch knitwise, knit these sts. together

**k2tog** – *knit 2 together*: knit 2 sts. together

**yo** – *yarn over*: Bring yarn forward and then up over the right needle

**Cb4** - *cable back 4*: slip 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold the cable needle at the back of your work, knit the next 2 sts on the left needle; then knit the 2 sts from the cable needle.

**Cf4** - *cable front 4*: slip 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold the cable needle at the front of your work, knit the next 2 sts on the left needle; then knit the 2 sts from the cable needle.

